

PARNELLISM

AND

CRIME!!

“THIS TREMENDOUS INDICTMENT.”

The Lord Chief Justice's Description.

The Lord Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench Division, in summing up the case of “O'DONNELL *versus* ‘THE TIMES,’” gave the following description of the character and scope of what he termed “**this tremendous indictment,**” known as “Parnellism and Crime”:—

“A great variety of statements deeply incriminating a number of persons—Members of Parliament and persons who are not Members of Parliament, but are well known to the world as prominent men. **THEY ARE ACCUSED, FRANKLY AND PLAINLY, OF ABOMINABLE CRIME**—not so

much, perhaps, of having been guilty by their own hands, but of having lent themselves to a system which must **NECESSARILY BE ACCOMPANIED WITH CRIME**, and of having personal knowledge of many of the crimes which did accompany it. That is in substance what is charged against a number of persons whose names appear in these articles.

“The charges made against them were charges of complicity in murder; that they shut their eyes when crime was contemplated, that in some cases they actually knew that murder was going to take place, and that on other occasions they were present when murder was being talked about and did not disavow it.”—*Times*, 6th July, 1888.

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